

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to improve the style of this application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of the claims, and for providing suggestions.

The claims have been rejected as being obvious over Fabrizio. The rejection states that Fabrizio appears to lack an anchor, and that the Examiner takes official notice that such anchors are old and well known in the art, and provide the well known benefit of providing a fastening point for a cutting line. Applicant respectfully traverses such an assertion and respectfully requests that the Examiner provide support for this position.

The rejection further states that it would have been obvious to provide an anchor in the spool that would be clearly accessible from the outside so that the cutting line can be fed to the outside of the housing. Applicant notes that the first basic criteria for obviousness requires that there is a suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference of combined reference teachings. The rejection does not indicate where in the prior art, or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, the suggestion or motivation can be found. Applicant finds no suggestion or motivation in Fabrizio for an anchor being accessible from outside a housing. Instead it appears that it is only Applicant who has determined that such a feature is desirable.

Applicant notes that the second basic criteria for obviousness is that there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Applicant has reviewed the structure of Fabrizio, and finds the structure of Fabrizio to be of such a complicated and extensive nature, that an anchor being

accessible from outside the housing, especially without taking the spool out of the housing, would not be possible. Therefore even if there was suggestion or motivation to modify Fabrizio to have such an anchor, there is no reasonable expectation that such a modification would be successful in allowing an anchor to be accessible from outside the housing, without taking the spool out of the housing, and still have the reference of Fabrizio operate according to its intended purpose. Therefore it is Applicant's position that the present claims further define over Fabrizio for failing to meet the second basic criteria for obviousness.

Applicant's representative desires to contact the Examiner by telephone to discuss both the present application and '069. Applicant is especially interested in any comments the Examiner might have regarding the best way to proceed with these two applications so that at least one is passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based on the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant,

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